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APPLICANT : De Billot *et al.*
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of January 27, 2005, and is intended to address each and every issue that was raised in the Action. It is being filed concurrently with a Petition for an Extension of Time of One Month, and the fee that is appropriate for that extension, and is therefore believed to be timely with respect to the period for response that was set for response in the Action.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 33 of this paper.